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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant		James R. Richard	
Serial No. 09/853,104	Filing Date: May 10, 2001	Confirmation No. 5802	
Title of Application:		Tongue Cleaning Device	
Group Art Unit: 3765		Examiner: Alissa L. Hoey	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Preliminary Amendment

This is a response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2003. Please enter this Response to Final Official Action in the above-referenced application. Applicant submits that entry of this Response is proper as it places the Application in condition for allowance, and no Amendments are presented herein. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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